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St. Paul man sentenced for robbing TCF Bank

A 50-year-old St. Paul man was sentenced yesterday in federal court for robbing a TCF Bank in St. Paul on July 27, 2009. In Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge David S. Doty sentenced Frazier Eugene Turner to 40 months in prison on one count of bank robbery. Turner was indicted on August 19, 2009, and pleaded guilty on November 2, 2009.

In his plea agreement, Turner admitted taking \$600 from the bank, located in a Cub Foods store at 1177 Clarence Street. At 9 a.m. on July 27, he walked into the bank and gave a teller a demand note that read, "I have a gun. Give me the money and no one gets hurt." Turner then unfolded a newspaper, revealing a small, black handgun.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Turner left the bank with the cash provided. Subsequently, he was recorded on surveillance, driving off in a blue van. Later, police spotted a vehicle matching the description of the get-away car. It was located in the parking lot of the Phalen Golf Course, which is situated one mile north of the bank.

Officers observed Turner crossing the parking lot, carrying a golf bag. They immediately arrested him. They then recovered \$570 from the golf bag and, in his vehicle, found clothing that matched what had been worn by the robber. They also found a black wig and four lottery tickets.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Paul Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.